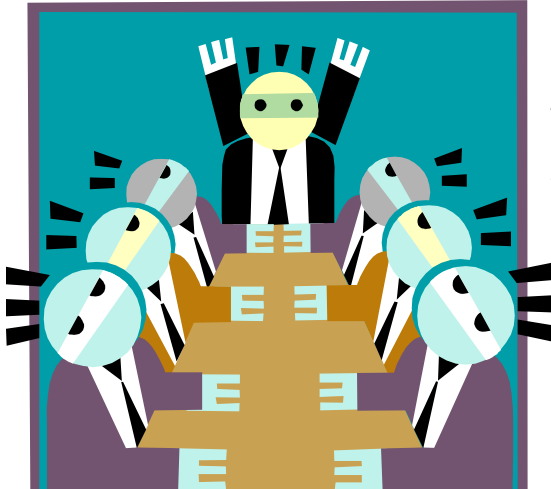


Who does what?

Working together to meet our shared challenges and accomplish shared goals.



Public service is the genuine heartbeat of local government. Community service is its own reward; allowing local volunteers to elevate the community pulse and each other through meaningful collaboration with experienced and talented colleagues to influence the beneficial consequence of others.

-- Joan D. Paris, Chair, Personnel Board; President, Atheneum Society of Wilbraham

Local government vacancies on boards and committees 2010-2011

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Serving a three-year term, registrars assist the town clerk with various tasks relating to maintenance of voter lists, particularly registering new voters before elections. The current vacancy requires a Republican party member to balance the political parties on the four-person board.

ARCHIVIST

Selectmen would like to appoint someone knowledgeable about the archival documents kept by municipal government. Works closely with Town Clerk, Public Library, Historical Commission, and Atheneum Society on issues of acquisition and preservation. May apply for and have oversight of grants for archival purposes.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Currently overseeing a survey of historic properties for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, the Historical Commission serves as an advocate the preservation and stewardship of historic properties, providing information and resources for property owners. One vacancy.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN COMMITTEE

The authors of a major planning document (updated periodically) about open space and recreation, particularly trails, in Wilbraham, the committee actively pursues implementation of the plan by working with land trusts, private owners, and other municipal officers. One vacancy.

PLAYGROUND & RECREATION COMMISSION

A current project partners the “Rec Comm” with the Friends of Recreation to conduct a major capital campaign to raise money for a full-range of improvements at Spec Pond Recreation Area in the coming years. The Rec Comm works with professional staff on program and policy development. One vacancy.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Members review applications, award grant funds, and handle a variety of reports to local and state agencies on the use of local funds. Members may only serve for two terms (3 years each), with a preference for volunteers with some service experience or scholarship in the arts and humanities. Three vacancies.

PERSONNEL BOARD

This five-person board advises the selectmen on all matters pertaining to personnel policy. The board may also review position descriptions and propose adjustments to the classification and compensation plan as requested. One vacancy.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

Meets periodically with the DPW wastewater staff to review sewer issues and concerns. One vacancy.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets periodically to review policies and programs at the Disposal and Recycling Center. May propose new programs, make suggestions about how to improve existing programs, and provide information about recycling and the use of the DRC. Seeking one or two new members.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH

Meets periodically to review policies, programs, and regulations before adoption by the Board of Health. Works closely with Health Agent to identify public health issues which may require local action. Seeking one or two new members.

Volunteerism? It helps me tremendously when I know I am helping others.

--Carolyn Zawacki, long-time volunteer Cultural Council, and Public Television

PUBLIC ACCESS TV ADVISORY BOARD

Meets regularly with professional staff, reviews policies, sets goals and direction of the station which provides the community with access to community media. Seeking one or two new members.

FENCE VIEWER

One of the town’s “ancient offices” dating back to agricultural times, it is largely an honorary appointment. Nonetheless, a Fence Viewer may be called on to examine pens and fencing to keep livestock (cattle, horses, or sheep) from roaming and creating a nuisance.

Additional vacancies may occur when the appointment cycle begins after the May 22 town election.



We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to use as result.

--Herman Melville, beloved author of New England maritime tales

Quick List: 2010-2011 Anticipated Vacancies

- Board of Registrars (Republican)
- Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee
- Cultural Council
- Sewer Advisory Board
- Public Access TV Advisory Committee
- Advisory Board of Health
- Historical Commission
- Playground & Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Archivist
- Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee
- Fence Viewer

We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.

---Marian Wright Edelman, founder of Children's Defense Fund

Citizen Participation:

The Key to Local Government

The Town of Wilbraham needs your help. By volunteering to serve on a town committee, board or commission, you will know the satisfaction of being part of your local government.

Most committee appointments are made by the Board of Selectmen soon after the Annual Town Meeting in May. Vacancies can also occur during the year or selectmen may appoint special committees for particular jobs.

Please use this reply form to indicate your special interests and willingness to serve.

Committees appointed by the Board of Selectmen:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Commissioners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Board of Health * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Board * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council * | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground & Recreation Commission * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Access TV Advisory Committee * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Preservation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Advisory Committee * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing Committee * | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Interest | |

* anticipated vacancy 2010-2011

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
DAY PHONE: _____
OCCUPATION: _____
E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS, CONCERNS, EDUCATION, AND EXPERIENCES (enclose a resume if you like): _____

**Return to: Board of Selectmen,
240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095
OR e-mail your interest to selectmen@wilbraham-ma.gov**